

# Newsletter of the Shard\*low Study Group

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## **Comment**

The period since the last Newsletter has been a busy one with both new contacts and additional information from existing members.

## **New Contacts**

Genevieve Short contacted me for information on William Shardalow born 1796, apparently her G G grandmother was a niece by marriage and lived with William and his wife Mary at the time of the 1861 Census. William was an elder brother of both Drake and John Fairweather Shardelow and thereby related to Marg. Cowie, Sandy Nixon and John Shardalow.

I have also heard from Paul Shardlow who lives in Los Angeles, he descended from the family of Thomas and Harriett (nee Carrington) who lived in Ripley, Derbyshire. Thomas was a brother of Harry S. killed in World War I. Paul tells me he works as a designer on animated feature films one of which, "The Snowman," which is often shown on TV around Christmas time.

Chris Shardlow has stumped me with a request for the background of Louis Henry Shardlow, so I am taking the unusual step of publishing the information we have and asking for help in solving this puzzle. Chris has some information which normally would make it easy to link up with earlier generations but Louis's birth does not appear in the GRO index. One explanation could be that, for some reason, it has been registered or indexed under another surname. There are online lists which claim to be able to search when part of the information is missing but these have not been successful. Chris has the Marriage Certificate when Louis married Annie Lorna Atkinson on 11th May 1940 at Parkstone, Dorset. His age was given as 28 and his father as Henry Shardlow, Blacksmith. Louis and Annie had a daughter registered in Poole, Dorset and then moved to New Zealand.

John R. Shadlow writing from Australia tells me he is joining with his father in recording their family history. This is the family from Kingston-on-Trent I wrote about in [Shards #32](#). (More on this below.) Longstanding member Avril Marshall points out that Mary Ann Shardlow nee. Maltby who, with most of her family, emigrated to Australia, later returned to look after some orphaned grandchildren.

## **Roll of honour**

I have written several times about Shard\*lows who have taken part in various conflicts and I am sure there are others I have overlooked but I never thought one of these would be in the American Civil War. I have recently read of Joseph Augustus Shardlow who fought on the Union side, he was a second generation American being the grandson of Joseph Shardlow born in Warwickshire, England. Joseph Augustus died in 1862 not as the result of enemy action but of a malarial infection while serving in the 33 NY Volunteers.

New member John R. Shadlow tells me his Great uncle Logie Ross Shadlow was wounded in a cavalry charge during WW1 and died of these some years later. It is thought this was the last occasion on which cavalry were used in this way.

Finally, one gleaned from the pages of the Nottinghamshire FHS Journal and confirmed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Lance Corporal J.H. Shardlow of the South

Staffordshire Regiment died of wounds 5/11/1916. He was previously a miner and left a wife Rose E. nee. Cooper.

### **A Confession**

While sorting through some old 3.5inch discs I came across one marked "J.C. Shardlow's narrative" in my handwriting, I have no recollection of making this recording that I assume was part of an Email someone had sent me. If that person gets to read this I humbly apologise for not remembering and trust that I acknowledged it at the time. Not knowing when I received it I can only guess it may have been about three - four years ago when I was under a lot of stress. Normally I have a good memory for things like this; it's what I did yesterday I can't remember, or so I am told.

### **J.C.Shardlow's narrative**

This document is a typescript of a letter sent to a Harold Shardlow (J.C. Shardlow's nephew) in March 1924, it is headed by a disclaimer from the transcriber William Alton Shardlow dated January 16 1998 but I don't think he was the person who sent it to me. The letter is a detailed account of a Shardlow family from which I have taken the first item in Roll of Honour. Normally I would treat such information with suspicion, not because I suspected any intent to defraud but because it is often based on hearsay and stories handed down from relatives with less than perfect memories. In this case although somewhat lacking in exact dates I was convinced by the amount of detail and the fact that it fitted with some information I already had. It has enabled me to make a three generation family chart which I have included in my data base of families.

### **Photographs**

John George has sent me several pictures of the Shardlow family who lived at Hall farm, Thorpe next Haddiscoe, Norfolk who have been mentioned many times in these pages. The group consists of Edward, father of Edward John who emigrated to Canada at which time the name got changed to Shardelow. The four young ladies are Edward John's sisters. A fifth sister (not shown) was the mother of Frederick Rushmer the Spitfire Pilot killed in the Battle of Britain. Edward John had a son Edward George Shardelow who was killed in WWII after whom Mt. Shardelow was named. ([Shards #28](#)). The other photograph is of Mary Ann Shardlow (nee Saunders) wife of Edward senior above.

